

liars, and "cheats" in order to get it. When you find doctors, lawyers, professors, politicians contributing things to these young players, even though it is considered a violation of NCAA rules, it shows that the pillars of society believe that compensation is justified and they are willing to circumvent the rules to provide that compensation. But not any of them, in groups or individually, are willing to come out openly and push for a change in these rules. So since they won't do it, those of us who are elected to represent all of the citizens and their interest have to push for this justice. And that is what I am attempting to do with this amendment. One other point. As long as football, and in some cases basketball, bring in the huge amounts of money that they do, they will carry the aura of big business which is competition and making as much money as possible by any means necessary. And to meet the competition you do what the competition does. It is time for us to throw away the cloak of hypocrisy, recognize this as a revenue generating activity that the state has a profound interest in, and the state must boldly step into this area and bring some justice. Even the inmates in the Nebraska Penitentiary are paid, and they are there as a result of committing crimes. The only crime of these athletes is that a lot of them are poor, poorly educated, and have been viewed in terms of their body for so long...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that all they are viewed as are things to be exploited then cast aside. Since they are not going to get that fair education, since they are not even going to get the training, in many instances, that will allow them to make an honest living after they leave the university. We ought to at least compensate them while they are laboring, strenuously for the university, as we compensate other students who labor less strenuously for the university. And I hope you will seriously consider this amendment and adopt it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I understood the Chair to have ruled that the